

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David A. Ulibarri Jr.
Vince Howell
Barbara A Casey
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
H. Chico Gallegos, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri Jr. lead the moment of silence and wished everyone an early Merry Christmas and prayed the Governing Body will continue to make the right decisions for the City.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Trujillo asked that Item 1 regarding the amendment to the Bradner Dam Rehabilitation project scope of work be removed from the agenda.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised she was contacted by the State Engineers Office and was advised the task order that was provided is to be funded by the ten million dollars and the State Engineers Office had some questions before signing off on the scope of work.

Councilor Casey advised that the Legislative Session does not begin until after the City's January meeting so the funding would not be lost.

City Manager Trujillo advised the meeting would not be televised as New Mexico Highlands University are in the process of moving equipment and were unable to get the meeting televised.

Councilor Howell made the motion to approve the agenda with the recommended changes. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Richard Cozens spoke to the Governing Body on behalf of the acequias and advised they have met with the City Manager and Utilities Director and are working together to come up with a water sharing agreement.

Bruce McAllister spoke to the Governing Body about keeping the public more aware of the positive progress the City is making on various projects.

Mike Estrada spoke to the Governing Body regarding the negotiations between the City and acequias and advised it appears there may be resolution in the future.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Award request for bids #2017-11 for Miox salt (evaporated food grade) for the water Treatment Plant to low bidder DPC Industries.

City Manager Trujillo advised the Miox salt is required to ensure proper filtration of the water supply. Bids were advertised and the lowest bidder was DPC Industries and they did meet all bid requirements.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Enter into agreement with Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority for solid waste disposal services.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised when the department advertised bids for solid waste services, Wagon Mound was awarded the bid and Estancia Valley as an alternative. The agreement with Estancia Valley was never signed and the solid waste department has been having problems with the Wagon Mound landfill not accepting trash due to winds and that is causing a back up at the Las Vegas transfer station. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised her office contacted Estancia Valley and asked if they could enter into the agreement with them as the alternate should services be denied by Wagon Mound.

Questions were asked about the cost to transport to Estancia Valley.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the additional cost for the trip to Estancia is worth it when the Las Vegas transfer station becomes backed up they cannot accept trash and that leads to possible violations. Estancia Valley has assured the department that as long as they go during business hours they will not be turned away, they do not have high wind limitations.

Questions were asked how many times Wagon Mound denied services.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised at least ten times.

Questions and discussion took place about the possible violations the City could receive.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Pay increase for all, eligible, non bargaining unit employees to be implemented and become effective on the first full pay period after approval.

City Manager Trujillo advised he is requesting the Governing Body approve a 35 cent per hour increase for all, eligible, non bargaining unit employees to be implemented and become effective on the first full pay period after approval. City Manager Trujillo also advised that the employees receive a seven cent increase on their anniversary hire date so essentially this totals to a 42 cent increase.

Questions were asked how much the total cost of the increase would be and how it would affect the budget.

Finance Director Gallegos advised there are not many employees that fall into this increase being approved, City wide it may cost about \$30,000 to \$40,000 and there are some cost savings in the various department vacancies.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Addendum to contract Cisneros Design for design and promotion services.

Community Development Director Velarde advised the Governing Body that in December of 2015, the City entered into a contract with Cisneros Design for the development and design of marketing and promotion services. An extensive tourism website was developed in conjunction with a comprehensive plan for the promotion of Las Vegas attractions, events, businesses, and film and hospitality industries, among others. The City seeks to extend the contract through the end of the fiscal year and then contract services on a fiscal year basis rather than calendar.

Questions and discussion took place regarding the marketing committee and the proposed agreement deliverables and anticipated costs. Questions were asked if the contract would be following a fiscal year based contract term or calendar.

Councilor Howell expressed concern if funding was going to be put aside to advertise events that happen after the beginning of the fiscal year. Councilor Howell asked the status of the City website and expressed that members of the community have concerns about not finding information on the website.

Public Information Officer Einer gave an overview of the website and the improvements he has been making to ensure the community is informed of announcements made by the City.

Questions were asked about the information that is posted on the website and making the website more user friendly.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

Councilor Howell asked the latest update of the Planning & Zoning Committee.

City Manager Trujillo advised he would provide the list to Councilor Howell and he has advised all department heads to follow up with the committees they oversee and to set their meeting dates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Howell made a motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters specifically the evaluation of the City Manager. Councilor Ulibarri Jr. seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

David L. Romero.	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Vince Howell	Yes	David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into Regular session and stated that no decisions were made regarding the evaluation of the City Manager. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

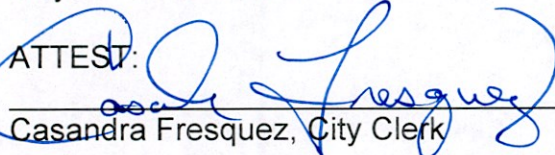
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Vince Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara Casey	Yes	David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giron

ATTEST: 

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk